

Dear Commissioners,

In what may be the most important vote of our generation in relation to preservation of vital democracy in the United States of America, I urge you to DISAPPROVE proposed new rules (Docket-02-277) that would allow greater concentration of ownership of newspapers, radio stations and television stations.

Approval of rules permitting greater concentration of ownership would result in less comprehensive and less politically diverse sources of information for the general public--because information is the lifeblood of democracy, this would ultimate result in the weakening of our great country. The risks to all are too great. The financial benefits to a few that would result are certainly undemocratic.

Your consideration of these comments, and your grave responsibility to discharge your commissions for the general benefit of our great nation, would be much appreciated.

Yours truly,

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